



**DOING WELL:** Two-year-old Jason Cowden of Anoka, Minn. goes over a scrapbook with his grandmother, Mrs. Hazel Underdahl, the book containing many memories of his attack last July by a mountain lion near Rapid City, S.D. which was stabbed to death by Mrs. Underdahl. The animal was at an animal compound tourist attraction. (AP Wirephoto)

## Nation's Planned Fuel Diet 20% Gasoline Cut Is Seen

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration's promised fuel diet for the nation will include a reduction of up to 20 per cent in gasoline production, the sources say.

Another source said it could be as much as 25 per cent.

The cutback is contained in new fuel allocation regulations expected to be released today.

Informed sources say the regulations will give top priority for gasoline use to essential community services, including police and fire departments and ambulances.

And, say the sources, the top priority for middle-distillate fuels, including home heating oil, will go to medical services, public transportation, room heating for hospitals and to producers of oil, gas, coal and hydroelectric power.

Under the regulations, essential users of gasoline would be given all the fuel they need. So-called nonpriority customers, including the average driver, would be able to purchase whatever gasoline is available at filling stations, which would get only 80 per cent of their needs, the sources said.

While the regulations would spell out top-priority needs for home heating oil and other middle-distillate fuels, it was not immediately known whether there were any major changes in an earlier proposal for residential heating. It was to force a lowering of thermostats by six degrees through a fuel-oil distributor-operated rationing system.

A second-priority category for middle-distillate fuels would be established for agricultural users, who would

be entitled to 10 per cent more of these fuels than consumed a year earlier. Also, sources said a 3-per cent reserve would be put aside for hardship cases.

The new regulations still leave several questions undecided by the administration's Federal Energy Office, headed by William E. Simon.

By the end of the month, Simon has promised a decision on whether to proceed with gasoline rationing.

Also, pending in Congress is emergency energy legislation requested by Nixon. It would authorize, among other things, a nationwide reduction in speed limits for automobiles to 50 miles an hour, 55 m.p.h. for trucks, Sunday gasoline station closings and possibly mandatory early store closings and shorter working hours.

## California Will Probe Nixon Taxes

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California officials will conduct a confidential investigation to determine whether President Nixon owes any state income tax.

The chairman of the board that administers the state income tax said he is sure Nixon would pay any tax the state might decide he owed.

The White House disclosed

last weekend that Nixon has paid no state income tax since becoming President. His lawyers contend he is not a California resident for income tax purposes even though his voting residence is his San Clemente, Calif., estate.

The decision for an investigation came out of a stormy meeting Tuesday of the Franchise Tax Board during which Democratic member William M. Bennett accused Nixon of deliberately evading state income taxes. He also charged that Nixon is getting special treatment.

Bennett moved that Nixon be sent a state income tax bill now, but the motion was ignored by the other two board members, both Republicans.

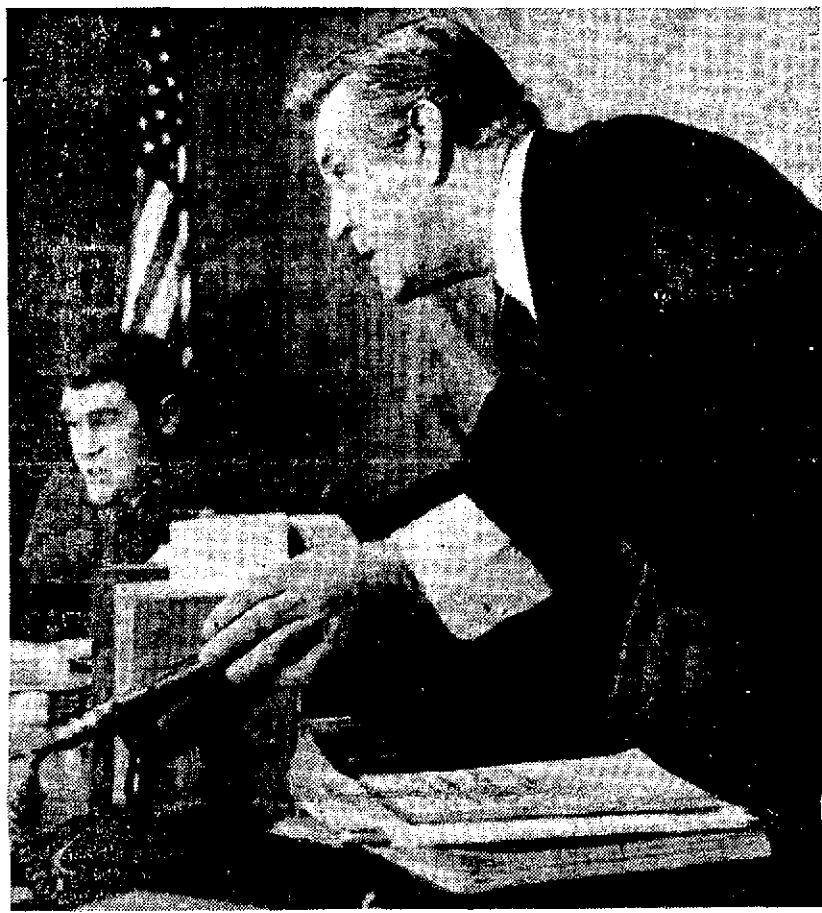
Board Chairman Houston I. Flournoy, the state controller, accused Bennett of playing politics and said Nixon would be treated "fairly and squarely and not on the basis of any partisan considerations."

Flournoy added, "If there is a legal liability, I am confident the taxes will be paid."

The dispute over how to handle Bennett's complaint got so heated that Bennett invited Flournoy to "go outside and straighten it out that way," presumably with clenched fists. Flournoy declined, saying: "I believe in the normal course of procedure."

The normal course is that Bennett's complaint will be looked into by the board staff confidentially on the basis of Bennett's personal complaint, said Martin Huff, the board's executive officer.

"We look into every request, lead or whatever you want to call it," Huff said.



**SAYS NIXON EVADED STATE INCOME TAXES:** William Bennett, a Democratic member of the California Franchise Tax Board picked up his belonging Tuesday and started to walk out of a Board meeting in Sacramento when they, in a two to one vote, refused to investigate President Nixon's state income tax status. Bennett accused President Nixon of deliberately evading state income taxes and demanded a formal investigation. Board chairman, State Controller Houston Flournoy, left, and state finance director Vern Orr, the two Republicans on the three man board, voted against the investigation. (AP Wirephoto)

## Suspended Lottery Agent Has Shot At \$200,000

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — A Royal Oak service station owner, who was suspended as a lottery sales agent a year ago, has turned up with a lucky lottery ticket giving him a shot at winning the \$200,000 super drawing top prize Thursday.

George Kelber, 52, of Madison Heights, who operates a so-called losers' lottery drawing at his Royal Oak station, will be one of 12 contestants in the super drawing, the Bureau of State Lottery said.

Also vying for the \$200,000 top prize Thursday will be Mrs. Bob Teel of 4721 Shore Drive, Coloma. The 38 year-old mother of an 11 year-old son, Bobby, she is employed as a saleswoman for the DeRosa Real Estate agency of Benton Harbor.

She is certain of winning at least \$10,000 in the lottery. When asked if she had any specific plans for the money, she said "Oh my goodness, no."

Kelber was suspended just a year ago from selling lottery

tickets, after Lottery Commissioner Gus Harrison said information Kelber provided while applying for the license did not agree with information provided by State Police.

At the time, Kelber was making news by reporting on what he said was phenomenal success at buying winning tickets at his station. He reported he won \$375 in \$25 winning tickets in one week after spending only \$34 for 68 lottery tickets.

Lottery officials doubted his claims, saying "there are only two ways of making it appear that the odds are being beat. Someone could buy winning tickets from other persons, or buy a vast number of tickets to come up with a large number of winners."

Kelber then began his own losers' drawing, letting persons who lost in a weekly drawing deposit their tickets at his station. He then selected his own winners from them.

The lottery bureau noted that Kelber was a semifinalist in a recent millionaire drawing and won \$1,000. Officials reported Kelber said he has won the \$25 lottery prize 198 times.

The drawing will be held at Western Michigan University's Read Fieldhouse at 9:45 a.m. Thursday.

Prizes in addition to the \$200,000 in the super drawing, will be \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$10,000.

One contestant — 19-year-old Renee Hadden of Detroit — got her lottery ticket free from the Superior Potato Chip Inc., after buying their product, the bureau said.

Other contestants include Ralphie M. Neihoff, 48, of Detroit; and Emma A. Wirzikowski, 61, of Detroit, who works parttime for Premier Catering Service Inc.

Others are Peter A. Friedrich, 52, of Detroit, a Chrysler employee; Angeline Plak, 53, of Detroit, another Chrysler worker; Harold A. Cyplik, 44, of Detroit, an employee of Federal Mogul Bower Bearing; and Ronald J. Flory, 34, of Chesaning, a machine repairman for Saginaw Steering Gear.

Also included are Naoma F. Hirt, 62, of Troy, a parttime employee for the Troy Board of Education; Albert A. Gayle of (See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)

## Niles Boy Drowns In Gravel Pit

NILES — A six-year-old Niles boy fell through thin ice covering a gravel pit near his home and drowned yesterday afternoon, according to state police here.

The victim was Frank Wabern Johnson II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter N. Johnson, 2208 Invicta drive, Niles.

Police said the gravel pit is located in the Misty Acres subdivision about three miles north of Niles in Cass county's Howard township.

The boy and a neighborhood girl were reportedly crossing the pit to reach the girl's house when the ice gave way about 2 p.m.

The boy was pulled from the water estimated at three to four feet deep and taken to Pawating hospital, Niles, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. His mother waded into the water to locate him.

Frank was born June 27, 1967, at Oshkosh, Wis., and came here with his family from Omro, Wis., in 1970. He was a kindergarten student at James Ellis elementary school in Niles.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are a sister, Vickie, and a brother, Daniel, both at home; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Omro, Wis.; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wong, San Francisco, Calif. Funeral arrangements are pending at Plansky Funeral in Omro, where the body is to be sent from the Halbritter Funeral home in Niles.



**ADMITTED TO BAR:** Carl G. Cooper, 29, Benton Harbor's new assistant city attorney, was admitted to practice law in Michigan Tuesday by Judge William S. White of Berrien circuit court. Cooper is a 1972 graduate of Howard university law school in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Marlene, and son live at 777 East Napier, Benton township. (Staff photo)

## Consumers Power Company Denies Monopoly Charge

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — Consumers Power Co. Tuesday denied charges from the U.S. Justice Department that the utility is engaged in a power monopoly in Lower Michigan.

In leveling the charges, the department asked the Atomic Energy Commission to hold

up licensing of Consumers' Midland nuclear plant until the utility acts to remedy the alleged monopoly. The company issued a statement saying it believes it "lacks the monopoly power to control prices or competition because of thorough regulation of the power industry."

## Angry Algeria First Stop For Kissinger In Mideast

LONDON (AP) — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger is planning to start his tour of the Middle East with a visit to Algeria, one of the most vocally militant of the Arab states, informed sources said today.

Kissinger probably will fly to Algiers Thursday to try to get President Houari Boumedienne's support for the United States government's Middle East policy, the sources said.

The secretary of state continued his diplomatic fence-mending today with calls on Prime Minister Edward Heath and Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home.

He also planned a major address on American policy toward oil-conscious Western Europe.

Kissinger, who heads Thursday for a new round of talks in the Middle East, hoped to convince the British that their interests would be protected at the Arab-Israeli peace conference. It is scheduled to open Dec. 18 in Geneva.

Because of Britain's dependence on Arab oil, some British of-

ficials have questioned the strong support the United States gave Israel during the October war and are pressing for Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories.

In his speech to the Pilgrims' Society, a British-American friendship group, Kissinger was expected to call for a joint Western effort to cope with the oil squeeze. He also was certain to appeal for a strong spirit of transatlantic cooperation, a theme he sounded at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting in Brussels Monday and Tuesday.

At the Brussels meeting, Kissinger reiterated the U.S. commitment to the 1967 United Nations resolution calling on Israel to pull back to "secure frontiers" from Arab territories it seized in 1967. But the question is how much of a withdrawal the Americans expect.

The Arabs have said repeatedly that their oil slowdown and

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## Truck Stoppage Lacks Support

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A threatened two-day work stoppage by independent truck drivers to protest higher fuel costs and lower speed limits appeared to have only scattered support today.

Leaders of the protest said

they wanted independent drivers to vacate the nation's highways by 11:59 p.m. EDT tonight. But Teamsters President Frank Fitzsimmons told a Senate subcommittee Tuesday he doubted a shutdown would take place.

A check of truck lines, truck stops and truck union officials across the nation showed mixed reaction to the call for a shutdown.

Truckers, particularly independent drivers, want assurances that actions such as

lower speeds, higher fuel costs and reduced supplies of fuel will not impair their ability to make a living. Most of them are paid by the mile and pay their own expenses.

In what appeared to be the most significant action, some

200 trucks remained parked today at a truck stop in Batonsville, Pa. The manager of the stop said the truckers were calling for an immediate stoppage rather than wait for the

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THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

Chet Joins Bo  
On The Bench

Two weeks ago Bo Schembechler, the U-M football coach, was calling upon the saints to conduct a sanity hearing for the Big Ten's decision to return Ohio State to the Rose Bowl.

Without even thinking of watching the films of the tie game on November 24th in which the Blue outclassed the Scarlet and Gray in everything but the score, a majority of the athletic directors gave the nod to Woody Hayes' troop.

Over the weekend Senator Griffin handed down a similar decision in the dark.

He sent up the name of another man from the Ninth Congressional District for high office in the U.S. scheme of things, in this instance, Wendell A. Miles, of Grand Haven, for a pending vacancy in the federal district court at Grand Rapids.

His action dashed the hopes of 13 other hopefuls and that of our own circuit judge, Chester J. Byrns, in particular.

The Byrns rejection scorched more than His Honor.

It turned over a battalion of dedicated local Republicans who were in high hopes that for once in many a moon Berrien county which has carried its full share of water to the G.O.P. might enjoy a ride on the elephant.

Upon hearing the word, Ardale Ferguson, a leading Benton Harbor businessman who more than led the bankroll drive for Griffin's campaign last year, is said to remarked that as a staunch Methodist he might just have to quaff something stronger than sacramental grape juice.

Assuming the U.S. Senate does not upset the apple cart for Miles who is the judge for the Ottawa-Allegan circuit court district and for Albert J. Engel whom Nixon has nominated for the U.S. Court of Appeals, the Ninth Congressional more than fills the honor roll.

Here is the list of its luminaries: Senator Griffin and Governor Milliken from Traverse City.

Noel Fox, of Muskegon, on the federal district court.

Engel, of Muskegon, due to move up from the federal district court.

Miles who has alternated between

Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. Jerry Ford, of Grand Rapids, Vice President.

E. Vincent Erickson, of Grand Haven, chairman of the Michigan Highway Commission.

We realized a Democrat would dispute us in saying each of them is excellent timber performing yeoman service in keeping the body politic somewhere on an even keel.

There is, however, a question of geographical balance which both major parties some times overlook to their regret.

Government can not be run solely by who comes from what particular acreage, but not all talent is exclusive to a given plot of real estate. Neither is voted power consistently situated in one locality.

Recognizing this fact, both parties usually try to put some geographic balance in their campaign tickets and in their appointments when installed in office.

Consequently the parallel between Chet and Bo becomes all the more striking.

Judge Byrns and Judge Miles are good men in their field and both have delivered party service before their judicial occupations erased partisan activity.

Equally capable in their endeavors are the teams which Bo and Woody Hayes fielded this season.

The divider for the honors in each case is the same. Ohio State went to the Rose Bowl the last time out. Miles is from an area covered by political plums. Byrns is in a locality that is parched for recognition.

Comparing the Big Ten's athletic directors to Senator Griffin somewhat stretches the imagination because he is a tall man in the upper House.

Yet like the ADs who did not see the ball game, Griffin did fail to look beyond his own stamping ground.

Bo will be rooting for Woody's boys on January 1st and we hope Griffin entertains no thought of retiring except to go on to something bigger and better.

But next time around, on the football field or in the political ring, we hope the men upstairs are not wearing blinders.

Hanukkah Is A Festival  
To Please The Children

The eight-day festival of Hanukkah, beginning Thursday, Dec. 20, is the Jewish alternative for the Christian observance of Christmas. It celebrates the victory of Judas Maccabaeus over the Syrian legions in 165 B.C. and the rededication of the Temple at Jerusalem. For Jews, the Maccabean victory symbolizes their steadfastness of faith when oppressed. And Hanukkah has begun to receive as much attention in the Jewish home as the High Holy Days and Sabbath, especially in families where there are children.

But religious leaders say the reason for this is not Hanukkah, which is a relatively minor festival in Jewish tradition. "The military victory of the Maccabees which the eight days of

Hanukkah celebrate was never meant by the rabbis to evoke the commotion and enthusiasm which it receives today," wrote rabbi-author Herbert Weiner several years ago. "But what can the Jewish parent do when his child sees all the glitter of Christmas? Buy the Jewish child a Christmas tree?"

So the vacuum was filled, Weiner declared, by the "swelling up" of a minor festival into a major event. On the first night of Hanukkah, one light will be kindled in Jewish homes, an extra one being added on each succeeding night. This symbolizes the tradition that though the ancient Hebrews had enough oil for only one day, their supply miraculously lasted for eight days while they were cleansing the Jerusalem Temple.

Another such miracle would be welcomed by Jews and non-Jews alike in view of the world energy shortage. But Israeli Jews may find it difficult to be festive during this year's festival of lights. They have not forgotten that Egypt and Syria picked another Jewish holy day, Yom Kippur, to launch the most recent Middle East War.

Jewish religious leaders criticize their congregations for turning Hanukkah into a Jewish version of Christmas. But, says novelist Herman Wouk, the two holidays do have one real point of contact. "Had Antiochus succeeded in obliterating Jewry a century and a half before the birth of Jesus, there would have been no Christmas. The feast of the Nativity rests on the victory of Hanukkah."

Barbed branches of the jumping cholla, a desert cactus, break off at the slightest touch and fasten themselves to men and animals, National Geographic says. When the hitchhikers are dislodged, they take root where they fall.

American Christmas tree plantations cover about 450,000 acres.

Unwelcome Guests



GLANCING BACKWARDS

HOSTILE WEATHER  
MAY GET WORSE

— 1 Year Ago —

The weather's bad and it will probably get worse tonight. Many schools in southwestern Michigan were closed today because freezing rain hit just as the buses were about to start their runs and it was the country roads that were the worst.

Three to four inches of new snow fell overnight but it was light and fluffy. However, the temperature rose this morning and the precipitation changed to rain and sleet.

TELLS ABOUT LIFE  
IN PEACE CORPS

— 10 Years Ago —

"These meetings every day are getting on our nerves. We're anxious to get our hands dirty for a change," writes Peace Corpsman Gene T. Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Walters of 520 Madison ave., St. Joseph. Walters, 21, is one of 43 Peace Corp volunteers in a rural Community Action program in the area of Florencia, Colombia.

Walters is a surveyor with the party, operating in the west central Andes mountains region

of the South American country. The 1968 graduate of St. Joseph high school, formerly an engineering student at Western Michigan University, arrived in Colombia last week, after an intensive six-weeks of training for the project at the University of Nebraska. Walters' job will be surveying provincial boundaries in Colombia's central regions.

JAPS EVACUATE  
TOKYO

— 29 Years Ago —

Tokyo, capital of Japan and the home of 7,000,000 people, harassed by continued raids by American Superfortresses, is being evacuated the Berlin radio said today. Berlin said evacuation of the city, bombed repeatedly by American Superfortresses, would begin at once. "Measures for the evacuation of Tokyo are progressing according to plan," the Berlin radio asserted.

VISIT FLORIDA

— 39 Years Ago —

Among tourists who recently visited Silver Springs, Fla., viewing the beauties under water in a glass bottomed boat, were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Swigert of 508 Wayne street.

TRIP THROUGH EAST

— 49 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bean, Jr., of Fair Plain are enjoying a several weeks' trip through the east.

SNOW HELPS SPIRIT

— 59 Years Ago —

The slight fall of snow has already had a marked effect on the Christmas trade. The colder weather has generated more Christmas spirit than all the "shop early" signs in the city.

LUCKER'S NOW SITUATED

— 83 Years Ago —

Lucker's meat market is now situated at the corner of Main and Pleasant street in the Smith building.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

BH CHURCH SAYS  
THANKS TO NEWSPAPER

Editor,  
On Saturday Evening, December 8, 1973 your newspaper carried a featured article and two pictures pertaining to our 50 year celebration as a congregation and also featuring the dedication of our new addition.

For the past several months while our building has been under construction, your newspaper has been most generous in taking pictures of the various stages of building and placing them in the newspaper. The entire congregation joins me in expressing our thanks and appreciation to you the editor and the staff of this newspaper for the consideration which they have extended to us.

Rev. R.W. Kruithoff  
Senior Pastor  
Crystal Springs  
Church of God  
Benton Harbor

MADRIGAL SINGERS  
CONGRATULATED

Editor,  
Tuesday, December 4, I attended a meeting of the Berrien County Retired Teachers' Association. The entertainment featured Christmas music sung by the Madrigal Singers of the Benton Harbor High School.

I am taking this opportunity to thank and congratulate this fine group of young people. We hear so much on the negative side as far as Benton Harbor is concerned and it is refreshing to see and hear young people of this calibre. I think the public should know that there is more to this city than muggings, marijuana and misbehavior in general. Why not let the community know about it? Personally, I would be happy to have all the "Oh, ain't that terrible!" items omitted and replaced with the happier reports of positive accomplishments. It might just be that if the good that young people do were high-lighted in the news media, many of our delinquents might be encouraged to raise

Last Rites

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Services for Dr. Carolyn J. Matzke, a Michigan State University language professor, were held Monday in Saginaw. Miss Matzke died unexpectedly in her home Thursday. She was 30.

Ray Cromley

Stringency Coming  
Across The Board



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Count on tightening your belt for many years to come. Not just in 1974 and not just for the period the Arabs are tough on oil; but through the 1970s and possibly into the early 1980s. Not just on fuel either — but count on stringency across the board.

Unemployment, which is expected to press up to 5 1/2 to 6 per cent in 1974 won't stop there. It will most probably drift upward in 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1978 as well in what my economist friend calls creeping unemployment.

Prices, which will probably rise by around 7 per cent or more in 1974, are likely going to move upward by 4 to 5 per cent a year for the remainder of the decade. That means continuing inflation.

The gross national product will likely do little more than creep ahead.

The reason usually reliable economists make these predictions is simple. To make this economy tick we need to do a great deal more than hold our energy supplies steady and make up for Arab-imposed losses. We must increase our use by at least 4 1/2 per cent a year to enable industry and services to expand rapidly enough to take care of our normal population and labor-force growth. That requires a gross national product rising by 4 to 5 per cent a year. (Note how closely gross national product and energy growth are tied).

But the fuel outlook for the remainder of the 70s, even by the most optimistic projections, is such that my economist contacts foresee an annual growth

in American gross national product of only 2 to 3 per cent for years to come.

Government and industry style, including recreation, is built solidly on cheap petroleum. No one now predicts oil or any form of energy will ever be cheap again. Adjusting to this new way of life by suburbanites, farmers, manufacturers and governments will take from one to two decades. Attempts to increase the pace will produce new disruptions.

As has already been predicted elsewhere, 1974 will be a rough year, but not so rough probably as the more pessimistic commentators predict. My relative optimism is based on the hope that government and industry will take reasonably sound actions quickly. As of now, the major problem is a lack of leadership in the White House, in industry and Congress.

In 1974, it's expected, industrial productivity will be down or show little change. Meanwhile, labor will be making strong attempts to catch up with the rapidly-rising cost of living in 1973 and the continued pressures of 1974. Specialists tell me this combination of a sluggish productivity and labor pressures will likely increase costs dramatically.

Marianne Means

When Pondering  
Is Ponderous



WASHINGTON (KFS) — A special Democratic commission which has been pondering ways to make the selection of Vice Presidential candidates more fool-proof is expected to reject any major reform of the system later this week.

Instead, the commission may recommend merely that the party's next Presidential nominee be allowed more time in which to pick his running mate.

The group was established last year after the Eagleton boo-boo provoked demands for change in the secretive and hasty fashion in which Vice Presidential candidates have traditionally been chosen. The Watergate crimes and the fall of Spiro Agnew have subsequently sharpened public concern over the entire Presidential election process.

But the Democrats do not seem ready for dramatic reform. The Executive Com-

mittee met secretly recently and voted, by 11 to 1, not to tamper with the Presidential nominee's power to select his running mate but simply to give him more elbow room in which to do it. The full commission is believed to be prepared to ratify that modest proposal at its final session Thursday (Dec. 13).

The Executive Committee vetoed all proposals that would have reduced the Presidential nominee's right to name his running mate, subject to what is usually pro forma approval by the convention. Members argued that the present system has generally worked reasonably well, with the only major malfunctions being the choices of Sen. Thomas Eagleton and Agnew.

The group approved a two-prong plan designed to relieve some of the pressure on the new Presidential nominee to make a judgment before he is ready. It proposed that the party's new charter be debated and ratified on the fourth day of the 1976 convention, immediately following the selection of the Presidential nominee but preceding the selection of the Vice Presidential nominee. That would extend the period in which the new President nominee could wrestle with the problem from the current 12 or 14 hours to nearly two days.

In addition, the group proposed that the Presidential nominee be given the option of delaying his choice for approximately two weeks, if he wishes. Under that circumstance, the party convention would adjourn and the Democratic National Committee gather later to approve the President's choice.

This has the disadvantage of prolonging intra-party political maneuvering and robbing the convention delegates of an opportunity to vote on one member of the ticket. But the DNC, under the new rules, is a much larger and more representative body than it used to be. States now cast their votes in proportion to their votes at the convention.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey, committee chairman, pushed for this latter plan as a mandatory reform but could only win Executive Committee endorsement for it as an optional device.

BERRY'S WORLD



"There's no 'catch,' sir. Everything was covered on your warranty!"

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**BEHIND THE SCENES:** Dave Green (right) heads four-man team to keep electronic equipment associated with communication and instrument landing systems at Ross field in working order. They are also in charge of enroute navigational aid (VORTOC) at Keeler. Green confers with Gary Courtney on a electronic maintenance problem. Other electronic technicians are Bud Bomberger and Jim Balazs. (Staff Photo)

## Open House 2 Days At Ross Field Tower

*Dedication Ceremonies Scheduled  
For \$200,000 Facility*

**BY DICK DERRICK**  
SJ City Editor  
Dedication of the \$200,000 air  
traffic control tower at Ross

field, Benton Harbor, will give  
Twin Cities area residents a  
chance to follow man's flight  
from Kitty Hawk to the moon.

Formal dedication of the 66-  
foot high tower is scheduled at  
11 a. m. Friday. There will be a  
ribbon cutting at the base of the

tower and a dedication address  
by Rep. Edward Hutchinson.  
Fourth district congressman  
from St. Joseph, in the airport's  
terminal.

There will be an open house of  
the new facility on Friday and  
Saturday between 1 and 3 p. m.

The tower has been in operation  
about a month and the crew of  
five has been busy learning the  
details of the operation.

The campaign to bring air  
traffic control service to Ross  
field has been waged for almost  
a decade. Airport officials noted  
that Ross field was the state's  
busiest air center without a  
control tower.

There were so many disap-  
pointments in the campaign to  
get the tower appropriation  
through congress that when it  
was approved it came almost as  
a surprise.

The air traffic controllers as-  
sign flying space and set up  
landing procedures for both  
private planes and public  
carriers.

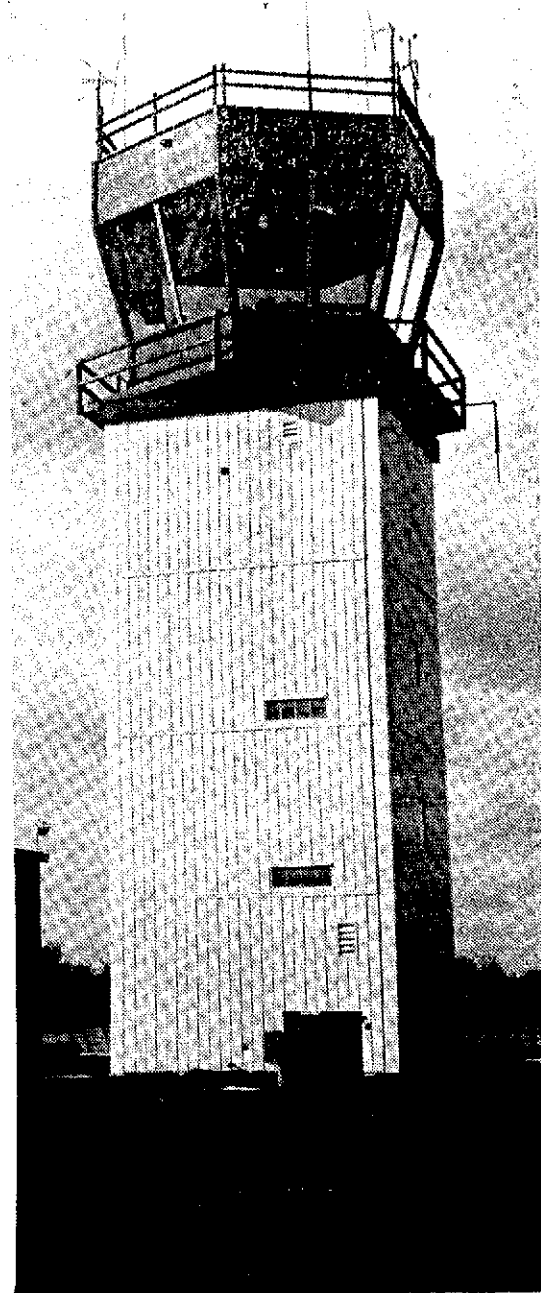
In addition to the control  
tower the airport board is in  
process of installing an in-  
strument landing system which  
will help pilots adopt the safest  
guide path to a landing.

Officials from the Federal  
Aviation administration will  
join with area civic leaders and  
airport officials for the dedica-  
tion.

Among the features of the  
dedication program will be a  
display of lunar rocks brought  
back by America's spacemen.  
The display will be located in  
the terminal.

A series of five films, "His-  
tory of Flight — Wright  
Brothers," will be shown in the  
pilot's lounge. Each of the films  
runs for 28 minutes and shows a  
segment of the lives of the  
Wright brothers and the  
development of heavier than air  
flight.

Also scheduled to speak at the

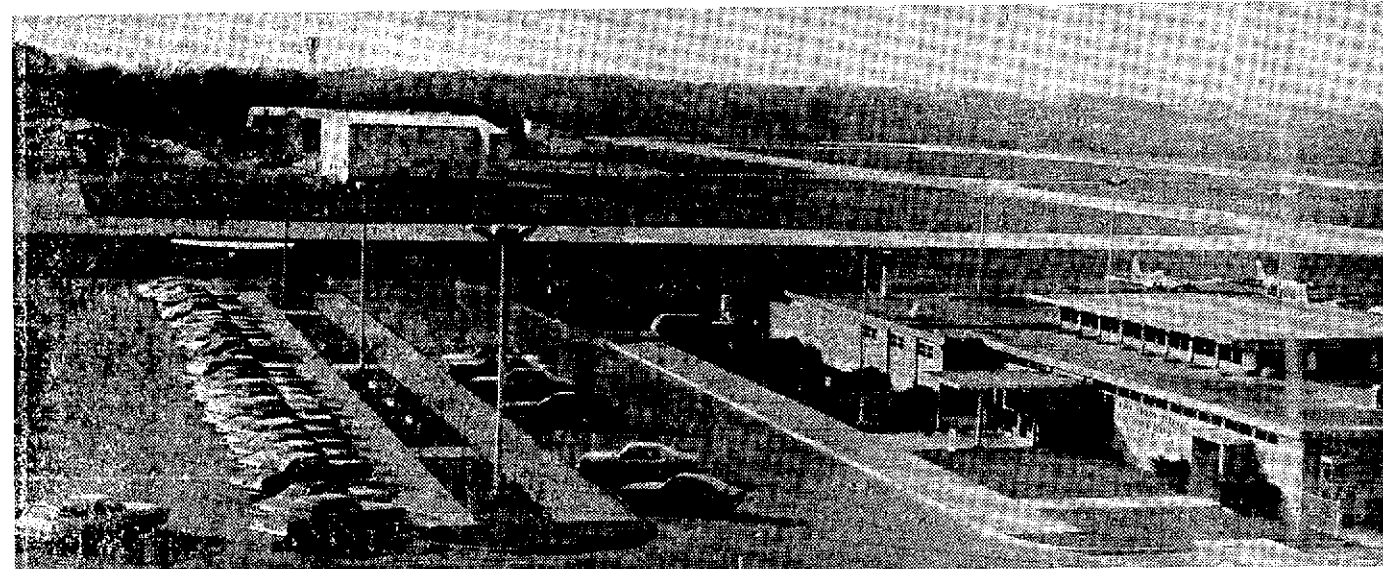


**DEDICATION FRIDAY:** Campaign of nearly 10  
years will be climaxed Friday with dedication of air  
control tower at Ross field. Building was fabricated  
in El Paso, Texas, and trucked to twin cities to be  
assembled. Tower is 18 feet square and 66 feet high.  
After base of tower was assembled the control tower  
cab was lifted into place April 10. The tower was put  
into operation Oct. 18. (Staff Photo)

dedication will be Robert O.  
Ziegler, deputy director of the  
Federal Aviation agency's  
Great Lakes region.

John Banyon, chairman of the  
airport board, will present a  
plaque to be installed on the new

tower.  
Elmer A. (Larry) Larson, the  
airport board's representative  
from St. Joseph township, is  
chairman of the dedication  
program and will be the master  
of ceremonies.



**MODERN AIRPORT:** This view from the control tower, the  
newest addition to Ross field, shows the up to date facility that has  
grown from a dirt strip that local early flyers began using in late

1920's. At right is public terminal and at upper left are private  
hangars. Some of airport's three paved runways are seen across  
middle and at upper right. (Staff photo)

## Were Wrights Really First? Flying History Made Here

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Dedication of the control  
tower at Ross field will be  
another milestone in the history  
of aviation in the Twin Cities  
that may extend back even  
before the Wright brothers first  
flew at Kitty Hawk.

There is a staunch group of  
St. Joseph residents who believe  
that man's first powered flight  
took place on a stretch of Silver  
Beach in St. Joseph five years

before the Wrights flew in 1903.

The area's first pilot then, if  
their belief is correct, would be  
Augustus Herring, a student of  
aerodynamics and a confidant of  
the air famed scientist, Octave  
Chanute. Herring supposedly  
flew an aircraft off Silver Beach  
with a compressed air motor.

The present location of the  
Twin Cities airport evolved in  
the late 1920's, after some of the  
pioneer pilots of the area had  
flown from a series of grass or

dirt fields in and around the two  
cities.

One of the earliest pilots, Jack  
Brennan, 1313 Jennings street,  
Benton Harbor, said the first  
strip was built up with factory  
slag in the Paw Paw river  
marsh area at North Shore  
drive and Klock road, now the  
site of New Products factory.

Brennan said he and the late  
Warren Rutter and the late Er-  
nie Trimbul developed that field  
in the early or mid-1920's, but

an electric line built across it the  
next winter forced them to go  
elsewhere.

Other sites, according to  
Brennan and Thomas Millar, a  
local aviation buff, were at the  
Van Camp farm on Britain  
avenue and the Merrill farm at  
the intersection of Britain and  
Crystal avenues. For a brief  
period, Brennan flew from what  
is now Union park on Benton  
Harbor's south side.

Joe Donnellan, another early-

day pilot, flew from Conkey's  
field on the northwest corner of  
Lincoln avenue and Glenford  
road, south of St. Joseph.

In the late 1920's, the pilots  
began to use a part of the old  
Michigan golf course, at what  
is the present Ross field.

In 1934, the late H.B. Ross, a  
twin cities industrialist, gave 60  
acres on which the dirt strip  
was located to the two towns and

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## View From The Tower Is Worth Long Hike Up

It's a fairly long hike —  
straight up — to the cab of the  
new Ross field control tower,  
but the view both in and out is  
worth it.

The control tower is 18 feet  
square and from the ground to  
the top of the tower it's 66 feet.  
That is roughly six stories.

Packed into the tower is  
emergency power equipment.  
Batteries on the first floor are  
constantly being recharged to  
carry the tower through outside  
power failures. The tower could

operate several days on its bat-  
tery service, said Richard  
Mack, tower chief.

There is space for the elec-  
tronic communications equip-  
ment used in contacting pilots.

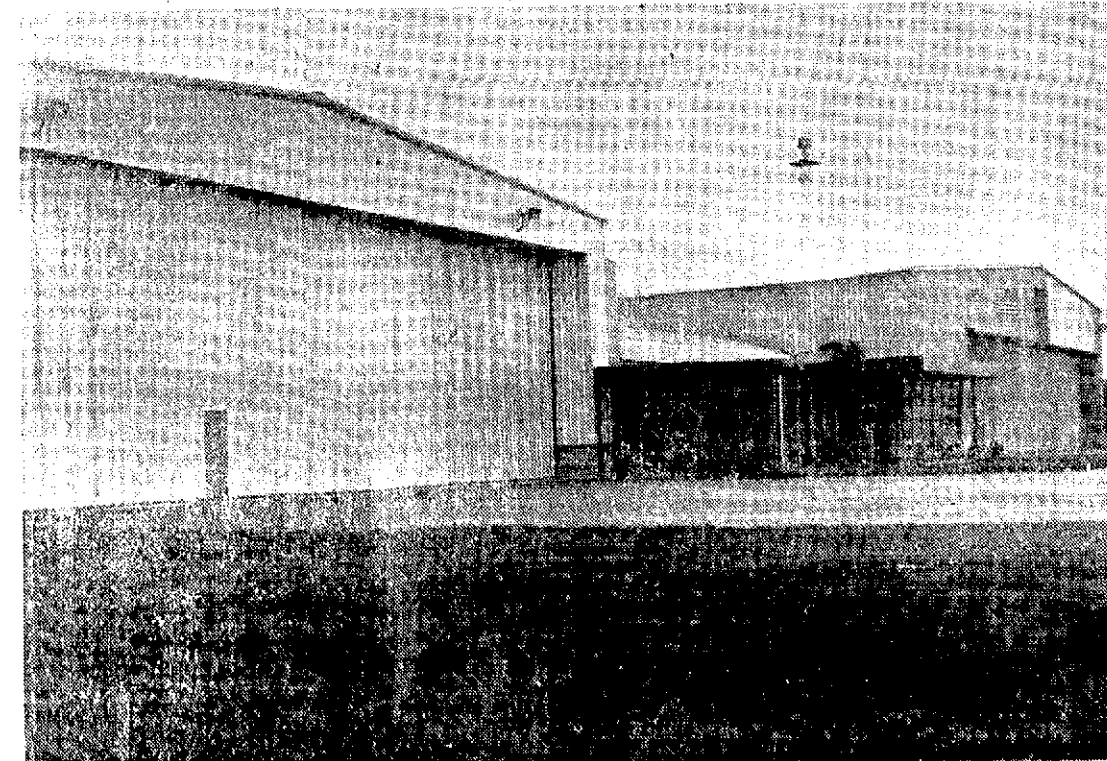
Office space and lunch facili-  
ties for crews that can not leave  
their post unmanned between 7  
a.m. and 7 p.m. are also  
included.

Following dedication of the  
\$200,000 structure at 11 a. m.  
Friday there will be conducted

tours between 1 and 3 p. m. on  
Friday and Saturday.

To prevent congestion on the  
single flight of stairs the in-  
spection will be conducted in  
groups led by one of the five  
control tower operators.

The members of the traffic  
control team in addition to  
Mack are William Mote, Harvey  
Hlop, Richard Maher and Mark  
Beard. All have had prior  
experience in air tower opera-  
tion and in aviation in general.



**NEW FOR WHIRLPOOL:** Whirlpool Corp. has  
doubled its hangar space with addition of 120 foot by  
80 foot unit at left. The company also built new

waiting room and administrative offices and  
rearranged repair areas. (Staff Photo)



**HEATH'S NEW HANGAR:** New pre-engineered  
hangar for Heath Co., a firm originally founded on  
the concept of selling planes in kit form, is located

next to new control tower. Hangar is latest of  
several new structures at Ross field. (Staff Photo)



## Berrien Planners, Bertrand Officials To Meet Stand On Western Electric To Be Clarified

Robert Palmer, chairman of the Berrien County Planning commission, said the commission will meet with Bertrand township officials to clarify the commission's position on rezoning property in Bertrand for the proposed Western Electric Co. material management center.

He said the county commission did not make an absolute turn-down of a zoning change request last June, and had suggested that

Bertrand township should learn the identify and nature of the proposed industry before the township body could justify a zoning change. He pointed out that the county planning commission has only an advisory relationship to local zoning programs, and that the full authority for any change rests with the township.

Chairman Palmer, of Coloma, noted that Donald Ryman of Buchanan, a member of the county planning body, has strongly

opposed the location of the \$5 million plant.

Palmer went on to add that Ryman's statements in the matter did not necessarily represent the county planning commission's position.

Ryman had mailed a letter of protest against the plant site to the president of Michigan Bell Telephone Co. The letter was written on planning commission stationery and Ryman signed himself as a member and past chairman of the planning body.

Palmer said he personally visited the proposed plant site on US-12 and Chamberlain road as result of the controversy. The property is zoned agricultural but is not prime farming land and is bounded by two major highways and a railroad, he observed.

The meeting with Bertrand officials, both the township board and the Bertrand planning board, is scheduled for noon on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at Frankie's restaurant, Niles.

## Exchange Newsies Fired Up For 'Big Push'



**A CALL FOR 'GOOD' WEATHER:** W. J. Banyon, editor and publisher of The News-Palladium, hosted the annual Benton Harbor Exchange club Newsie luncheon Tuesday and ordered good weather for Friday's Newsie sale — Christmas-like for spirit, but no blizzard. At right, is Dave Ohman, Exchange president.

### Annual Sale Friday Could Put N-P Good Fellows Over Top

Exchange club Newsies got their annual shot of adrenalin yesterday in preparation for Friday's Newsie adrenalin sale.

But none of them needed it—they were already fired-up to "push those papers" and pump more money into the News-Palladium Good Fellow fund.

The annual luncheon, held at the Berrien Hills country club, was hosted by W. J. Banyon, editor and publisher of The News-Palladium.

His concise encouragement for Friday's sale summed up the feelings of all the Newsies: "Let's go, go, go!"

Dave Ohman, Exchange club president, applauded The News-Palladium for 100 per cent participation in the Good Fellow drive—from supplying the papers, which this year will be in tabloid form, to bookkeepers, to writing and other details.

This year's chairman for the Newsie sale is Dick Riel, who gave encouragement to his troops, noting the Newsies will have double the participation this year. "Help is the big fac-

tor," stated Riel.

He also suggested the Newsies do some jogging before Friday "to get in shape" for the sale.

The Newsies will meet at 11 a.m. Friday and then "hit the streets" to raise money so the

weather last year, and it was one of the worst days of the year," he stated.

Turning to the real purpose of the sale, Pastor Jack Pepple told the audience of about 50 "The motivating factor for the sale is love."

He summarized the Newsies' purpose as "reaching out to make somebody else's Christmas a little brighter."

Ohman had many of the same feelings, noting: "In this year of shortages, let's not leave anyone short."

And that, Good Fellows, is what the Exchange club Newsie sale is all about.

Topping the list of contributions today was \$158.92 from the Monday Musical club. The club Sunday presented a heartening vesper program, with the capacity audience giving \$238.38. The club turned the money over to The News-Palladium and Herald-Press Good Fellow funds.

Another donor, the Dryer Engineering Department of the Whirlpool Laundry group, also split their donation with the two funds, with \$20 going to each.

A list of annual givers made up the rest of the list. Dave Goldbaum gave \$50 in memory of his dog, Corky; Fred and Alta Berry sent in \$5; Emmett and Elizabeth Adams also gave \$5; and Alta and Ed Scharr sent over \$10.

Geraldine Preston came through with \$5, as did the Southwestern Michigan Association for the deaf. Also going into the fund for the needy was \$10 from "Anonymous."



less fortunate can also enjoy Christmas. This year's goal is \$7,500, and all the Newsies are optimistic it can be attained—and surpassed.

The Good Fellow fund today received \$268.92, bringing the total to \$2,582.63.

"They certainly have their jobs cut out for them," Santa was heard to remark at the luncheon. "But they've overcome the odds before, and the Newsies this year are sure a bunch of go-getters."

The key-note speaker of the luncheon also had some comment about the Newsies. "Everytime I see a group like this I want to either preach or take an offering," said the Rev. Jack L. Pepple.

Pastor Jack said he was optimistic about the weather for Friday's sale, and would hope for the best. "I prayed about the

### SOUTH HAVEN

## Lone Gunman Robs 8 In Bar

SOUTH HAVEN — Eight patrons of a rural South Haven bar were robbed of between \$300 and \$400 by a lone gunman early today, state police here reported.

The eight were forced to lie on the floor and be bound with tape while a barmaid was locked in a furnace room.

Police said the gunman kicked open a rear door to the Willow-side bar, about six miles north of South Haven, at 2:15 a.m. after the doors had been locked.

According to police, the man, wearing a stocking over his face as a mask, was bandishing a sawed-off rifle reported to be a .22 caliber model.

Police said the man forced the barmaid, Kathy Billings to tie up the patrons after ordering them to the floor. The barmaid was then locked in the furnace room while the man took the patron's money and fled.

The bandit was said to be in his late 20s.

The bar is on Blue Star Memorial highway in Casco township.



**HE'LL ENGINEER IT:** Dick Riel, a Bendix engineer, is putting his professional acumen to work to design a successful Benton Harbor Exchange Club Newsie sale Friday. Riel is sale chairman. At right is Atty. Dean Jennings who advises club members if any legalities come up.

### New Chrysler Plant Coming

DETROIT (AP) — Chrysler Corp. will build a new assembly plant on Detroit's east side for assembly of large and intermediate sized cars, the automaker said Tuesday. Some sources said construction of the 914,000-square-foot assembly plant could cost as much as \$30 million but Chrysler declined to confirm the estimate. Chrysler also denied the new facility would be used for a new sub-compact car. Chrysler declined to estimate the number of workers who would be added to the payroll when construction is complete in 1975.

## Ex-Coloma Girl Now Veterinarian

A former Coloma girl received a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Michigan State university at Winter commencement Dec. 1, and will begin practice in Jackson.

She is Dr. Peggy Galles Chamberlain, 24, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Galles of Coloma, a 1967 graduate of Coloma high school. She was married in June of 1972 to Frederick Chamberlain.

She will begin the practice of veterinary medicine at the Park

& Kirby Animal clinic in Jackson. She and her husband will move to Jackson from their East Lansing residence. He is a commercial aircraft pilot.

Her father Dr. Galles, is a medical doctor and is a member of the St. Joseph Medical Corp., which provides medical service in the emergency room of St. Joseph Memorial hospital.



DR. PEGGY CHAMBERLAIN

## Dewey Lake Weed Fund Has \$3,200

DOWAGIAC — An estimated \$3,200 has been collected by the Dewey lake property owners' association for a weed control program this spring, according to a spokesman for the association.

Dewey lake is located in Silver Creek township in Cass county.

## GOODFELLOWS FUND 'Deck The H-P Halls With Boughs Of Money'

There is a new song being sung around Herald-Press Good Fellows headquarters that goes like this: "Deck the halls with boughs of money."

(We know it's new because we just made it up.)

But Good Fellows from around the area are helping to decorate the Good Fellow fund with the long green.

There is a total of \$104.46 in Christmas presents to put under the tree. That means the fund has climbed to \$1,146.96 or put another way \$2,353.04 to go to

top the \$3,500 goal.

What Good Fellow statisticians would like is to be at the half-way mark when the newsie sale starts Friday. That's a pretty tall order.

Today's report lists \$5 from Southwestern Michigan Association for the Deaf.

Then comes \$79.46 from the Monday Musical Club, Inc. following the 42nd annual Candlelight Christmas Vesper.

Finally there is \$20 from the dryer engineering department of the Whirlpool Laundry group.

### COVERT TOWNSHIP

## Residents Discuss Land Use Proposals

COVERT — Approximately 30 residents attended a discussion session on Covert township's proposed land use plan last night at the township hall.

The meeting was held in order to give township residents a chance to ask questions on the proposed plan. A public hearing on the land use plan will be held Feb. 12, 1974.

Only two residents presented question at the meeting.

Mrs. Octavia Hawkins requested a written statement from the township planning commission stating that buildings could be constructed on parcels of land smaller than five

acres in agricultural areas away from the proposed intensive growth development site if the lots were on record prior to the date that the new zoning would go into effect.

The intensive growth development area, as outlined in the proposed plan is a two-mile square area bordered on the north by county road 378, on the east by 72nd street, on the west by I-96, and on the south by 36th avenue. The plan would urge people to move into this area in order to make public utilities possible in the future.

Oscar Blair, who operates a towing service in the township, inquired as to what would happen to his service if he moves from his present residence on Lake street into an area marked for agricultural use only on the proposed plan.

The township planning commission said it would review both requests, before making any decisions on each matter.

WILLIAMSBURG, Mich. (AP) — Residents in this northwestern Lower Michigan community say they're convinced there was an explosion in the area this past weekend although officials say no trace of a blast has been found.

And many of the town's 300 dwellers who reported hearing an explosion say the blast was similar to those resulting from natural gas eruptions which forced some 70 families to flee their homes last April.

Richard P. Weiler, Grand Traverse County sheriff, said Tuesday a thorough foot search turned up no sign that another gas eruption had occurred.

He said representatives of the Michigan Public Service Commission and state geologists joined in the four-square-mile search.

Residents Sunday night had reported hearing an explosion accompanied by a blue-white flash.

Williamsburg Postmaster Earl Gay said he was watching a football game when "suddenly boom...there was this tremendous explosion and a brilliant flash of blue light."

Weiler said the blast may have been thunder or an electrical line short circuit resulting from Sunday's six-inch snowfall.

But he conceded that thunder

during a snow storm is unusual. And a Consumers Power Co. work crew said a check of area power lines revealed no evidence of short circuits.

"We have to conclude there is nothing to be alarmed about at this time," Weiler said. "But we want residents to call us right away if something else happens."

Although no one was injured at the time, area families were evacuated for up to six months when natural gas ground eruptions created more than 100 gas-belching craters and rocked houses last spring.

State authorities said gas fumes had seeped underground from a nearby well operated by the Amoco Production Co., a subsidiary of Standard Oil of Indiana.

Michigan Atty. Gen. Frank G. Kelley has filed a \$1.26-million damage suit against Amoco and a Texas drilling company.



SHOPPING DAYS  
TO CHRISTMAS

## Lutheran School Christmas Concert Scheduled Dec. 20

The 4th annual Sacred Christmas concert of Michigan Lutheran high school will be held at 8 p.m. Dec. 20 at the school, 615 East Marquette Woods road, Lincoln township.

Ronald Pape will direct the Titan band and Festival singers, with the 9th grade chorus and Titan chorus in charge of Mrs. Bernard

Kremers, of the music department.

The presentation "Song of the Christmas Angels" by the Titan chorus will be assisted, by a violin obligato played by Mrs. Kermit Biedenbender. The public is invited, and admission is free.